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LETTER TO COMMISSION
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To: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

Date: March 28, 2012

Subject: International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme Authorization

The purpose of this LTC is to inform you that Biscayne Elementary School and Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center received authorization to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme (see attached).

As of March, Miami Beach became one in a handful of cities in the country to provide the IB program to every public school and to every student within its jurisdiction. All public schools in Miami Beach have attained International Baccalaureate (IB) World School authorization. Our Education Compact has resulted in Biscayne Elementary School and Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center obtaining authorization to offer the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) to all attending students, aged 4 to 12. These schools join Miami Beach Senior High School, Nautilus Middle School, South Point Elementary, and North Beach Elementary as authorized IB World Schools.

The IB PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer. The most significant and distinctive feature of the IB PYP is the six transdisciplinary themes. The themes help teachers to develop a programme of inquiries, in-depth investigations into important ideas identified by the teachers, and requiring a high level of involvement on the part of the students.

Additionally, the International Baccalaureate Organization site visiting team commended our schools for the exemplary and noteworthy support of the City of Miami Beach. Commendations were also noted for the support of parents for the Primary Years Programme, the motivation and enthusiasm of the principals and staff for the Programmes, and the international-mindedness of the teachers together with the academically oriented and involved students.

We will continue to support our strategic outcome to provide enhanced learning opportunities for youth throughout Miami Beach through our Education Compact.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Attachments



International Baccalaureate
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IBIS school code: 006186

OCC Code: 7953

Mrs. Maria Costa, Head of School
Biscayne Elementary Community School
800 77th Street
Miami Beach, FL 33141
United States of America

13 March 2012

Dear Mrs. Costa,

I am pleased to inform you that your school has been authorized to teach the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) starting with immediate effect. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on this significant accomplishment and welcome you to our growing IB community.

Your school has been assigned an IBIS code (**006186**) and an OCC code [**7953**] which are both listed at the top of this page. It would assist us if you would use your IBIS school code in future correspondence with any IB office.

Please note the assigned currency for your school is the US dollar and we ask you to pay all future IB invoices in that currency.

We note that you have appointed Dr. Josefina Borges as the Primary Years Programme coordinator. All queries and requests for information should be channelled through your coordinator who is the intermediary between the IB Organization and the school community. It is the coordinator's responsibility to ensure that messages, correspondence and documents from the IB are passed on in a timely manner to the appropriate persons in the school community, including yourself. Programme-related information is accessed on the OCC via your coordinator and teachers, while school administration-related information is sent directly to the head of school.

I would like to draw your attention to a very important document entitled *General regulations: Primary Years Programme*. This can be found on the IB website (<http://www.ibo.org/pyp/become/>) and you have an obligation to share this document with students, parents and legal guardians. We also encourage you to quote this link in any communications you create about the IB programme in your school.

The coordinator should contact OCC support at occ@ibo.org to request that the OCC accounts for your candidate school code are transferred to your new OCC code. Once this has been done

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As part of your annual fee you will receive *IB World*, a magazine that provides information on a wide range of activities happening around the IB community. Please follow this link <http://www.ibo.org/heads/documents/HSACConstitution-Dec07.pdf> to the constitution of the Heads Standing Association to which all heads of IB World Schools automatically belong.

As a result of this authorization you may now refer to your school as an IB World School. However, we kindly ask you to refer to the document *Rules and Policy for Use of the Intellectual Property of the IB Organization* published in September 2007 (<http://www.ibo.org/copyright>) and would like to draw your attention to the "Trademarks" section where it states that the terms "IB World School", "IB", "International Baccalaureate" or any combination are not to be incorporated in a school name. Details about the IB visual identity and logo usage will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

If you have any further questions please refer to the *PYP coordinator's handbook*, or contact the help desk (pyp@ibo.org) or your regional office.

We look forward to working with you in the future and, again, warmly welcome you to the IB community.

Yours sincerely,



Jeffrey R. Beard
Director General

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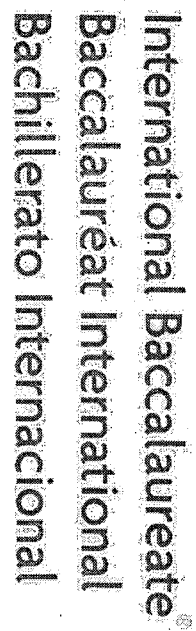
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IBIS school code: 004356
OCC Code: 7948

Ms. Maria Zabala, Head of School
Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center
1420 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139
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12 March 2012

Dear Ms. Zabala,

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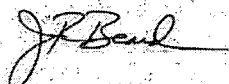
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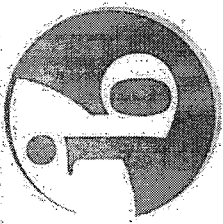
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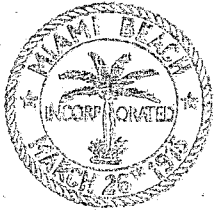
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MATTI HERRERA BOWER
MAYOR

Ms. Maria Costa, Principal
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March 28, 2012

Dear Ms. Costa:

On behalf of the City of Miami Beach, we wish to express our sincerest congratulations on Biscayne Elementary's authorization from the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer the Primary Years Programme. We realize this is a challenging program that demands the best from both motivated students and teachers.

Our city has worked closely with Biscayne Elementary in the past, having signed a historic compact with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) in 2008. Our compact has provided support for teachers throughout Miami Beach and is the result of our community's commitment to our youth and desire for educational excellence.

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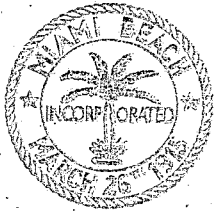
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Best Regards,

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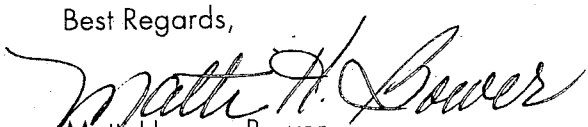
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